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SUBJECT: EC ARRANGEMENT WITH IRAN

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1. ON OCTOBER 22, WE CALLED ON HUGH ARBUTHNOTT (EUROPEAN INTEGRATION DEPARTMENT, FCO) TO REITERATE STRONG U.S. OBJECTIONS TO PREFERENTIAL EC-IRANIAN TRADE AGREEMENT.

2. ARBUTHNOTT SAID UK CONTINUES TO OPPOSE ANY FORM OF PREFERENTIAL TRADE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN EC AND IRAN. HE BELIEVES THAT THE RESISTANCE OF MOST EC MEMBER STATES TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT CONTINUES TO BE STRONG ENOUGH TO PRE-

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CLUE ANY COUNCIL DECISION IN FAVOR OF EITHER THE GERMAN

OR THE DANISH PROPOSAL.

3. HMG HAS RECEIVED REPORTS FROM ITS EMBASSY IN TEHRAN WHICH INDICATE THAT THE IRANIANS ARE NOT VERY INTERESTED IN CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY AT THIS TIME. ACCORDING TO ARBUTHNOTT (WHOSE PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT WAS TEHRAN), THIS MAY BE A CHARACTERISTIC IRANIAN RELUCTANCE TO BE THE "DEMANDEUR" IN A NEGOTIATING SITUATION.

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